

THE REMARKS

The Amendment

Claim 1 is amended to recite a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. Support for the amendment can be found, for example, at page 21, lines 22-23. Claim 36 is consequently canceled.

Claims 1 and 38 are amended to insert "O" in the description of R_{11} . Support for the amendment can be found in Claim 1 as filed.

Claim 1 at pages 5 and Claim 38 at pages 22 and 23, the sum of $m+n+p$ is amended from "0 to 5" to "1 to 5." Support for the amendment can be found in Claim 1 as filed. Applicants have erroneously amended the sum in the Response to Office Action submitted on December 30, 2003. However, because $n=1$, the lower limit of the sum should be 1, and not 0.

Claim 1 at page 7 and Claim 38 at page 25, the sum of $n+p$ is amended from "1 to 3" to "0 to 3." Support for the amendment can be found, for example, page 11, line 19, and page 12, line 9, where it states n and $p = 0, 1, \text{ or } 2$. Therefore, the lower limit of the sum of $n+p$ is 0. The amendment is further supported by Example 4 (page 25), which shows the synthesis of a monophosphate ($n+p=0$).

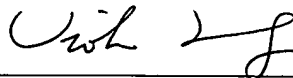
Claims 1 and 38 are also amended to correct several obvious typographical errors.

Claim 38 is amended in the description of R_{10} and R_{14} to delete alkylthio, alkyloxy, aralkylamino, arylamino, diaralkylamino, and diarylamino, and insert dialkylamino. Support for the dialkylamino can be found at page 16, line 13.

New Claims 40-46 are dependent claims and are supported by Claims 1 and 3 as filed.

No new matter is added in the amendment. The Examiner is requested to enter the amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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